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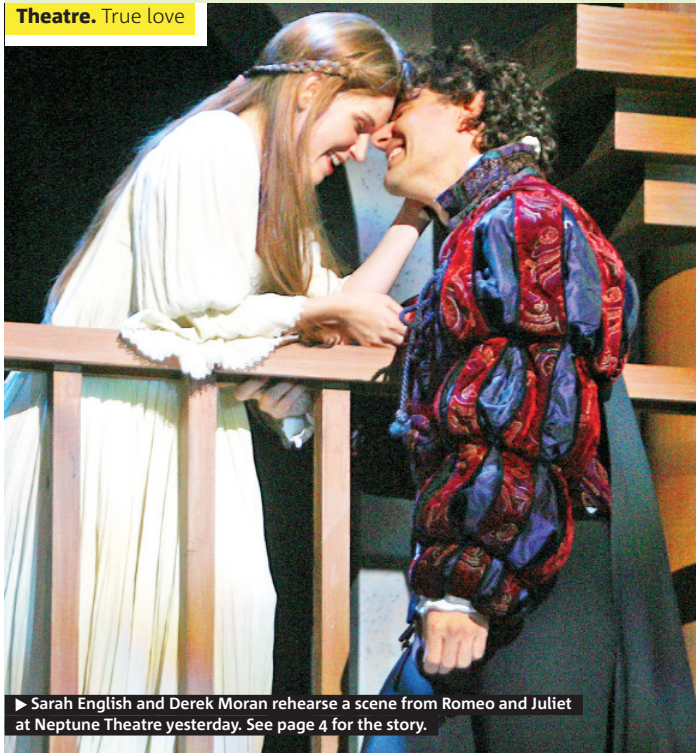
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Theatre. True love



► Sarah English and Derek Moran rehearse a scene from *Romeo and Juliet* at Neptune Theatre yesterday. See page 4 for the story.

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A pair of star-crossed lovers

The downtown Halifax theatre's 48th season is opening this week with Shakespeare's classic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*. Opening night is Friday, with the play running through Oct. 17.

NRA told to butt out of Canada

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Avoid the job hunt 'black hole'

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Transit breakdown at council

- Transit tax talks devolve into debate over which constituency gets what level of service
- Issues part of larger debate on transit structure, Sloane says
- End result: Staff report, discussion to follow in fall

Tempers flared at Halifax regional council last night, as questions about transit taxes revealed larger issues left simmering for some time.

It started with a motion from Spryfield Coun. Steve Adams to reduce the local transit rate in Sambro proportionally to the cuts to community transit in the area. But he deferred the motion at the last minute for more consultation.

"This particular item has gone well beyond the area rate that was charged to Sambro," he said.

Adams went on to explain his understanding of a meeting with Metro Transit in April was service cuts would take place across the board.

"But I find out that it was the community transits that were being cut."

According to Adams, the result is rate payers from Harrietsfield to Ketch Harbour are "paying an additional \$72,000 for a service they're not getting."

Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane quickly asked for an amendment to add in the No. 3 Manors route — which didn't

Who can fly the flag?

- In a unanimous vote with no discussion, council voted to reinstate the municipality's oversight mandate in how residents fly the official Kingfisher flag.
- Staff raised concerns about the possibility of residents and businesses making use of the flag in ways not in keeping with municipal values and principles.
- The report did not list what those uses may be, but noted flags are "highly symbolic," and for that reason flags have been "historically ... closely controlled and monitored."

sit well with some other councillors.

"That's not the same issue as what Coun. Adams is bringing forward," said Deputy Mayor Brad Johns. "That's night and day." ● ALEX BOUTILIER



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Accused in baby's death makes bail

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▶ Ashiqur Rahman released as a result of joint recommendation from the Crown and defence



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Ashiqur Rahman, charged with manslaughter in the death of his baby daughter, was granted bail yesterday.

Twenty thousand dollars in cash was posted with surety and conditions, but Rahman's lawyer Don Murray won't say who provided the money.

"He will be allowed to live down in the Annapolis Valley and help me prepare for his trial," Murray told reporters following yesterday's bail hearing.

Rahman faces a list of restrictions including to not go to Wolfville where Jane Gomes, his former partner, lives. Rahman spent 14 months in jail after being charged in relation to the death of his seven-week-old daughter, Aurora Breakthrough. Aurora died at the IWK Health Centre on July

27, 2009.

Gomes, Aurora's mother, was sentenced to six months probation and counselling for a lesser charge in relation to her death. She is scheduled to testify against Rahman in his February trial.

Chris Hansen, spokeswoman for the province's Public Prosecution Service, said Rahman has never previously applied for bail and doesn't have a criminal record.

"The Crown was satisfied he was no danger to the public," she said. "Critical to any bail hearing, he had a release plan and he had a surety."

Murray said his client feels "wonderful" about leaving the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside.

"Life in the Burnside jail has been very difficult for a number of people and it's just not a good place to be."

Bail conditions



- ▶ No contact with Jane Gomes, left, or any other witnesses.
- ▶ Reside at home of Margaret Lalonde in Kentville.
- ▶ Refrain from alcohol or drugs.
- ▶ Report in person to New Minas RCMP each Friday, except when in court.
- ▶ Not allowed in Wolfville.
- ▶ Must observe a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.



▶ Ashiqur Rahman is escorted to a courtroom at Halifax provincial court in this file photo.

Search called off for missing scallop boat

The search has been called off for four people aboard a missing scallop dragger in the Bay of Fundy.

The 13-metre boat from Digby went out fishing last week but failed to return home Sunday, triggering a large search.

Maj. Paul Doucette of the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Halifax says the search by a Hercules aircraft and one remaining coast guard ship ended at 7

p.m. Doucette says all of the Bay of Fundy from Grand Manan Island off New Brunswick to the Nova Scotia coast was covered several times without finding the dragger or crew.

A cooler that was found floating in the bay Monday has been identified as belonging to the boat.

The dragger wasn't equipped with survival suits or an emergency bea-

12 to 15 hours

- ▶ With the water temperature hovering at 13 C, Barry Smith said a person would only be able to survive between 12 and 15 hours in the bay.

con. The boat's last known position was east of St. Martins, N.B.

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News in brief

Largest drug bust in Cape Breton history

SYDNEY. Police say a Winnipeg man is facing charges after they seized seven kilograms of cocaine worth an estimated \$1.5 million at a ferry terminal in Cape Breton.

William Jack Reardon was to appear in Sydney provincial court yesterday accused of pos-

session for the purpose of trafficking. Cape Breton Regional Police say the 28-year-old Reardon was arrested at the Marine Atlantic terminal in North Sydney on Monday.

Officers say the cocaine was apparently destined for Newfoundland and they believe there's a connection to a larger criminal organization based in Ontario. Reardon was arrested before the boat left Cape Breton.

Cape Breton police say the bust was the largest drug seizure in the history of the force.

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Report touts MLA pension overhaul



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

► Study says 24 MLAs stand to take in more than \$23 million should they all live to age 75

Nova Scotia taxpayers are contributing millions each year to pensions for politicians that are the richest in Atlantic Canada, according to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

The non-profit advocacy group opened its Atlantic office yesterday in Halifax with the release of a report calling for major changes to the way pensions are funded for the 52 members of the provincial legislature.

"The MLA pension program is so rich that for every \$1 contributed by a politician, the taxpayers contribute \$22 towards their retirement — this amounts to \$11 million a year," said Kevin Lacey, the group's new Atlantic Canada director.

The group said the calculation included interest.

Lacey said the report makes three key recommendations. It includes replacing the current

Pension plan

- Under their defined benefit program, Nova Scotia politicians must contribute 10 per cent of salary each year to maximum of 15 years.
- To qualify, MLAs must serve five years in at least two general assemblies and be 55 years old to begin collecting.

pension program with an RRSP-style defined contribution plan where contributions would be reduced to dollar-for-dollar between taxpayers and politicians.

And in a nod to the constituency expense scandal, Lacey said new legislation should also be passed ensuring any member found guilty of a job-related criminal offence would retroactively lose eligibility for severance and pension benefits. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

GUN REGISTRY DEBATE

Registry backers gather

Several different agencies will gather at Halifax Regional Police headquarters on Gortingen Street today to show support for the continuation of the long-gun registry.

Attending the 11 a.m. press conference will be representatives from

HRP, Halifax RCMP, Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Nova Scotia Nurses' Union and the Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses United to End Violence Against Women.

A separate public rally supporting the registry will be held at Victoria Park on South Park Street beginning at noon.

Upwards of 100 people are expected to attend.

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Training event at airport today

In a training exercise, "terrorists" are planning an aircraft hijacking, a bomb threat and a fire at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport today.

It's a simulation to train airport staff as well as police and first responders in the event of an actual emergency, said Gordon Duke, director of airport operations.

"This exercise is designed to practise our ability to interact with the other agencies," Duke said.

No flight impact

Travellers will see increased activity at the airport today but the exercise will be taking place beyond the security perimeter. Air traffic will not be affected.

Exercises like these are mandatory as part of the airport's ground lease with Transport Canada and take place every three years.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Cashing in

Estimated annual pensions for serving MLAs, according to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. Calculated for Dec. 31, 2010:

- Wayne Gaudet, Lib: \$89,617
- Darrell Dexter, NDP: \$89,341
- Murray Scott, PC: \$76,897
- Manning MacDonald, Lib: \$69,443
- Keith Colwell, Lib: \$67,116
- Frank Corbett, NDP: \$56,666
- Bill Estabrooks, NDP: \$56,666

- Maureen MacDonald, NDP: \$56,666
- John MacDonell, NDP: \$56,666
- Michel Samson, Lib: \$55,863
- Howard Epstein, NDP: \$54,798
- Cecil Clarke, PC: \$52,409
- Graham Steele, NDP: \$48,297
- Chris d'Entremont, PC: \$44,894
- Charlie Parker, NDP: \$39,347
- Stephen McNeil, Lib: \$37,661
- Alfie McLeod, PC: \$34,425
- Marilyn More, NDP: \$33,639

- Gordie Gosse, NDP: \$32,685
- Leo Glavine, Lib: \$31,865
- Michele Raymond, NDP: \$31,771
- Harold Theriault Jr., Lib: \$31,771
- Diana Whalen, Lib: \$31,771
- David Wilson, NDP: \$31,771
- Average pension: \$46,617

Estimated annual pensions for MLAs who resigned in 2010:

- Richard Hurlburt, PC: \$57,258
- Dave Wilson, Lib: \$41,824

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Massive pot bust in East Hants

Enfield RCMP say they seized 324 marijuana plants in simultaneous raids in the East Hants area Monday afternoon. Police say some of the plants seized were as big as medium-sized trees, and are estimating 90,000 marijuana cigarettes have been taken off the streets. They say this week's raid brought in more marijuana plants than the previous two years combined. ● METRO HALIFAX

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- ▶ Shakespearean tragedy kicks off Neptune Theatre's 48th season
- ▶ Classic play officially opens Friday night
- ▶ Two other Shakespeare-inspired plays take the stage later this season



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▶ The Montagues face off with the Capulets yesterday in a scene from Romeo and Juliet at Neptune Theatre. The tragic love story runs until Oct. 17.

'Everybody gets love' Romeo & Juliet

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Teen angst, obsession and drama: It's not Twilight, it's Romeo and Juliet.

Shakespeare is rarely seen on the Neptune stage but this year its season opens with the well-known classic.

And playing the only daughter of the Capulets is Dalhousie University grad and Halifax native Sarah English.

"I never really saw myself as a Juliet, but it's been really wonderful to find that side of me," she said. "I put a tomboy spin on her."

Although the play is 400 years old, English said it's a story everyone still takes to heart.

"The sword fights are really, really cool."

DEREK MORAN, ONTARIO ACTOR PLAYING ROMEO

"Everyone can relate to when you meet someone and there's that instant

click," she said. "It's just about two people fighting to get what

they want. It's still relevant because everybody gets love, right?"

Derek Moran is no stranger to playing Romeo. This is his second time in tights and cape to play the role.

And while familiar, the role is still challenging and rewarding, he said.

Chemistry is critical for actors in a romance. Soon after the casting was announced, English and Moran made a point of getting to know each other in Toronto, where they live.

"We're both pretty geeky so we realized we're probably the geekiest Romeo and Juliet," English said.

Tickets for Romeo and Juliet are available through neptunetheatre.com. Adult tickets start at \$27.

Neptune season



▶ A scene from Romeo and Juliet.

Fountain Hall

▶ Romeo and Juliet:
Sept. 14-Oct. 17

- ▶ 7 Stories: Oct. 26-Nov. 14
- ▶ The Wizard of Oz: Nov. 27-Jan. 9
- ▶ Blithe Spirit: Jan. 18-Feb. 13
- ▶ The Beauty Queen of Leenane: Feb. 22-March 20
- ▶ West Side Story: April 15-May 29

Studio Theatre

- ▶ Fathers and Sons: Oct. 12-24
- ▶ MacHomer: Feb. 1-13
- ▶ The Fly Fisher's Companion: May 3-15

Neptune's season inspired by the Bard

Shakespeare was absent from Neptune Theatre for a decade and Romeo and Juliet hasn't graced the stage in 25 years.

George Pothitos, the theatre's artistic director, said Shakespeare can be a hard sell and expensive to produce. But it's a 400-year-old play that's still relevant and accessible today.

"What child hasn't said these words, but in a different way, to their parents? And what parent wants their child not to date somebody?"

There's what Pothitos calls a "Shakespearean hat trick" going on this season. Along with Romeo and Juliet, Rick Miller will perform Shakespeare in the voices of The Simpsons in his play, MacHomer. Then there's West Side Story, a famous musical inspired by Romeo and Juliet.

"These three (performances) are coming together to demonstrate how Shakespeare has been used," Pothitos said.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Province seeking tidal-power partner

The provincial government is seeking proposals from developers interested in testing ways of harnessing the Bay of Fundy's mighty tides.

The successful developer will join three other companies — Nova Scotia Power, Minas Basin Pulp and Paper and ALTSOM — in a project studying tidal energy turbines in the bay.

The Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy project's test site is in the Minas Passage area of the bay.

The deadline for proposals is Oct. 20.

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Jazz Air contract ratified

Jazz Air crew schedulers who are represented by the Canadian Auto Workers have ratified a three-year contract, the last of the airline's unionized labour groups to reach an agreement.

CAW represents approximately 43 crew schedulers employed at Halifax-based Jazz, which provides regional service for its former parent company, Air Canada.

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▶ The Wiggles

Wiggling into the Metro Centre

Tickets are going on sale Friday at 10 a.m. for next month's shows in Halifax of preschool entertainers The Wiggles.

The four-member group will perform the Wiggly Circus Live Tour, at the Metro Centre Oct. 30 at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Tickets range between \$15 and \$75 and are available through all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

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▶ Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh smiles at the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal last month.

Sentencing delayed in MacIntosh case

- ▶ Latest hiccup in a case that has seen many delays
- ▶ MacIntosh extradited back to Canada in 2007

Sentencing for a former Nova Scotia businessman for sex-related offences involving boys in the 1970s has been delayed until Sept. 28 after a hearing in court in Port Hawkesbury yesterday.

Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh was found guilty earlier this summer on 13 of 26 charges of gross indecency and indecent assault.

His lawyer, Brian Casey, said the hearing was put off until a doctor who wrote a sexual behaviour assessment can testify.

At trial in July, the victims testified the abuse occurred in MacIntosh's vehicles and other loca-

Appeal

MacIntosh is appealing his convictions at the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal on March 22.

tions prior to 1974 when he lived in Cape Breton.

In court, Casey submitted three pictures into evidence he said show his client after he was allegedly assaulted by another prisoner in a sheriff's van on his way to the Burnside jail after an appeal court hearing last month.

Casey said he will raise what happened in sentenc-

ing.

"And one of our submissions is going to be that the treatment he has received in custody is a factor to be taken into account on sentencing," he said.

MacIntosh, who has been remanded back into custody, looked quite different yesterday than he did during his previous court appearances. He wasn't wearing his glasses and Casey told reporters MacIntosh's suit and shirt were badly damaged when he was assaulted by the prisoner last month.

THE CANADIAN PRESS WITH FILES FROM THE CAPE BRETON POST

CRIME

Man faces assault, kidnap charges

A 30-year-old North Preston man is facing charges of sexual assault and kidnapping after an alleged incident involving a woman from late last week.

Halifax Regional Police say the woman was walking her dog in Dartmouth on Friday afternoon when a vehicle approached her.

Police say the driver grabbed her by the arm and tried to pull her inside.

Officers later arrested the driver after the vehicle was involved in an accident in nearby Cole Harbour. Jouan Terrel Johnson had a court appearance Monday.

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Police probing boat blaze

Police say they're investigating a suspicious fire that destroyed a fishing boat on a property in Cape Breton.

Police say the boat was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived at the scene in Lingan around 11:15 p.m. Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Liberals suggest link between Tories and NRA

- Tories deny connection to U.S. gun advocacy group
- Dismiss Liberals' claim as 'conspiracy theory'

The Liberals are calling on the governing Conservatives to "come clean" about alleged links to a powerful American gun lobby group.

Liberal House leader David McGuinty is turning up the heat in the debate over the long-gun registry, the subject of a cliff-hanger Commons vote next week.

But he offered little evidence yesterday of any ties between the Tories and the NRA, which vehemently opposes gun control.

He cited news reports suggesting the NRA coached Canadian firearms groups on lobbying techniques. And he said that, in 2006, Tory MP Garry Breithkreuz co-hosted a forum



► David McGuinty

which featured the head of the NRA as a keynote speaker.

On Monday, CBC News reported that the NRA has been involved for more

than a decade in efforts to kill the long-gun registry by providing support to anti-registry groups in Canada.

McGuinty said the U.S. gun lobby has no business being involved at all in a Canadian debate.

"We are here to say that the National Rifle Association and its members and its leadership should butt out of Canada's gun registry debate."

"This is a government that is choosing to listen to a powerful foreign influence over our own police, our victims' groups, our medical experts, in fact the majority of Canadians when it comes to gun control." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Layton says NDP can save gun registry

Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton says enough votes will be coming from his party to potentially save the long-gun registry.

"My commitment to Canadians was to put forward an approach to fix the registry," Layton said yesterday after a party caucus meeting in Regina.

Conservatives say the registry is a waste that targets honest citizens. But proponents say it is a useful investigative tool and has led to more responsible gun ownership. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Counting votes

► Layton did not say yesterday which of the remaining eight holdouts from his party have said they'll support the registry.

► When asked directly if he expected most of the NDP rural caucus to vote to keep it in place, Layton said: "That's what we expect to happen. Yes, indeed."



► Pierre Trudeau, second from left, arrives with members of his cabinet at Government House in Ottawa on July 6, 1968.

Trudeau image still cool 40 years later

"Quentin Tarantino stole this from us."

Ten years after his death, and more than four decades after it was taken, the photo of Pierre Trudeau striding up the drive at Rideau Hall — flanked by his dark-suited cabinet-to-be — still packs a blast of movie-star, hipster cool.

The Tarantino quip comes from Trudeau's son Justin, who along with brother Alexander provides commentary to the many iconic photos in "Pierre Trudeau: Images of Canada's Passionate Statesman."

The 188-page book of

"Trudeau was very smart. He knew the value of a great photo, and he was just a master (at making it happen)." **RYAN REMIOWZ, CANADIAN PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER**

black-and-white images shot by news photographers at The Canadian Press is on store shelves this week, in time for the 10th anniversary of the passing of Canada's 15th prime minister on Sept. 28, 2000. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Albertans could get stuck with huge tab

An environmental think-tank says Alberta taxpayers could potentially have to pay billions of dollars in oil-sands cleanup costs because of inadequate government regulation.

A Pembina Institute report suggests current financial guarantees that energy companies must make to pay for cleaning up the oil-sands could amount to as little as one-twentieth of the real cost. In the worst-case scenario, that could leave a liability of up to

\$6,300 per taxpayer.

"The true cost of cleanup is being under-reported and hidden from Albertans," Simon Dyer, one of the report's co-authors, said yesterday.

Operators are required to post security deposits to ensure there's money for reclamation of oil-sands sites in case the companies are either unwilling or unable to pay.

They estimate the required amount themselves. The Pembina report



► Greenpeace activists send a message.

found that industry has a total of about \$820 million in letters of credit and other guarantees for remediation.

That's supposed to cover about 69,000 hectares of disturbed land, averaging about \$12,000 a hectare.

But based on costs already incurred by some remediation projects, the report found true cleanup costs are much higher.

The institute estimates it could cost at least \$220,000 a hectare.

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Nothing new

Concerns over unfunded environmental liabilities aren't new.

► Repeated warnings The Pembina report points out that Alberta's auditor general has warned the government about oil-sands reclamation costs in four different reports, most recently last October.

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Number of undernourished dipping, claims group

► Food prices are still stubbornly high, says official at UN program

The number of chronically hungry people in the world dipped considerably below the one billion mark — the first drop in 15 years — thanks partly

to a fall in food prices after spikes that sparked rioting a few years ago, United Nations agencies said yesterday.

Still, an estimated 925

million people are undernourished worldwide, and the latest figures don't reflect the repercussions from the massive flooding in Pakistan.

The Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization's report suggested some progress in the battle to end hunger.

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Oman. Release



► Sarah Shourd, 32, of the U.S., right, embraces her mom Nora Shourd after her arrival at the royal airport in Muscat, Oman, yesterday, after leaving Tehran, Iran.

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Iran frees U.S. hiker

American Sarah Shourd, who was released by Iran yesterday after 13 months in prison, said she was grateful to Iran's president for her freedom. Two other Americans, including her fiancé, remain behind bars while authorities move toward possible trials on spy charges. Their families say they were hiking in Iraq when arrested and if they did stray across the border into Iran, they did so unwittingly.

Eiffel Tower area evacuated

Paris' historic Eiffel Tower and its immediate surroundings were evacuated last night after an anonymous caller phoned in a bomb threat, but a police search turned up nothing suspicious, French media reported.

Officials evacuated about 2,000 people and combed through the 324-metre tower, a Paris police spokesman said at headquarters.

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Twitter goes beyond the tweet

Twitter is turning its short-messaging website into a multimedia showcase by adding a new pane that will make it easier for its 160 million users to peruse photos and video. The redesign unveiled yesterday represents the biggest change to Twitter's website since its launch four years ago. Twitter says it may take a few days before the facelift is visible to all its users.

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Bio. Shocker



► Besma Lahouri, author of *Carla: A Secret Life*, at a promotional event yesterday in Paris.

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Getting to know France's First Lady

The unauthorized biography of the French president's wife, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, suggests that presidential aides have reined in the Italian-born heiress and ex-supermodel in a bid to transform her public image from that of a tempestuous man-eater into a meek, model housewife.

France close to banning veils

► France would be first country to pass such a law

The French Senate yesterday overwhelmingly passed a bill banning the burqa-style Islamic veil in public, but the leaders of both parliamentary houses said they had asked a special council to first ensure the measure passes constitutional muster amid concerns it tramples on religious freedoms.

The Senate voted 246 to 1 yesterday in favour of the bill, which has already passed in the lower chamber, the National Assembly. It will need President Nico-

2,000

The bill banning the burqa-style Islamic veil in public affects less than 2,000 women in France.

las Sarkozy's signature.

Legislative leaders said they wanted the constitutional council to examine it.

"This law was the object of long and complex debates," the Senate president

Gerard Larcher and National Assembly head Bernard Accoyer said in a joint statement explaining their move. They added they want to be certain there is "no uncertainty" about the law conforming to the constitution.

Many Muslims believe the legislation is one more blow to France's second-largest religion, and risks raising the level of Islamophobia in a country where mosques, like synagogues, are sporadic targets of hate.

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Bogus confession punished

A veteran British TV reporter has been sentenced after he admitted making up claims he killed a former lover who was dying of AIDS.

A judge gave BBC

journalist Ray Gosling a 90-day suspended prison sentence for fabricating his confession and wasting 1,800 hours of police time.

The 70-year-old Gosling drew media and police attention in February when he said on a BBC TV documentary that he used a pillow to smother his dying lover in his hospital bed in order to end his suffering.

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EU decries Roma crackdown

France's deportations of Roma are "a disgrace" and probably break EU law, the European Union's executive body declared yesterday, setting up a showdown with French President Nicolas Sarkozy's conservative government.

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Bank reforms costly but worth it, Carney says

► Banker says global downslide shows system needs to change ► Substantial long-term payoffs expected

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says commercial banks can pay for the cost of financial system reform by cutting expenses — particularly personnel expenses — without passing on costs to customers.

In an address yesterday in Germany, Carney gave an unqualified thumbs up to the G20 reform process that calls on banks to load up on capital, even though it makes the cost of operations higher.

Carney said proposals from the Basel III process that require lenders to retain more equity and add a buffer to core reserves strikes the correct balance between “resiliency and ef-



► Mark Carney

iciency.”

Carney said asking banks to hike capital ratios by two percentage points and strengthen liquidity standards will impose costs, both on banks and

on the economy.

Past experience suggests Canada's chartered banks will pass on those costs by increasing borrowing spreads to their clients, Carney said. This could result in a one-time, 0.3 per cent reduction in gross domestic product.

Other alternatives, he says, include raising additional capital by issuing equities, holding on to earnings, or shedding assets. But he adds banks should consider another option — cutting operating costs by reducing personnel expenses, which could involve downsizing or reducing executive bonuses.

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Video Games. Halo: Reach



► Delio Gautreaux carries his Halo: Reach game system after being the first person in line to buy the first copy of the video game system yesterday in New York.

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Gamers line up for Halo

It was a big day for Halo fans across Canada as thousands lined up for hours Monday night awaiting the midnight release of Halo: Reach for the Xbox 360, the latest in the video game franchise. The game is a prequel to Halo: Combat Evolved.

Telus says it won't play rival's game

Telecom company Telus doesn't plan to own the content it puts on its TV, online and wireless services and won't match competitors Bell and Shaw by buying up media assets.

Instead, Telus will continue its strategy of providing content that's already out there, chief commercial officer Joe Natale said yesterday.

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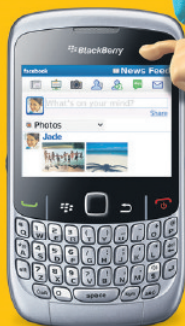
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HADFIELD SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Chris Hadfield is living my dream.

He's gearing up to become the first Canadian commander of the International Space Station on a six-month mission starting in 2012.

It's not exactly Star Trek since he's hardly going where no man has gone before. Actually, he will just circle the Earth every 90 minutes for six months, but I'll bet you never get tired of the view. From one window you can see Africa. From the other: Infinity and beyond.

OK, so it's not exactly interstellar travel at warp speed, but it is the real thing, the edge of the human frontier in the year 2012. While it may be humble, it's the first permanent settlement

outside the planet.

He will be hitching a ride on a Russian Soyuz rocket in December 2012, because the U.S. government is ending the space

shuttle program, and private industry that is racing to take over is still in the test rocket stages. But that's cool: Russian rockets still work. And it's also ironic:

While the Russians are schlepping Hadfield to the space station, here on Earth Hadfield's prime minister, scaremonger-in-chief Stephen Harper, is trying to whip up paranoia about a Russian attack from across the Bering Strait so he can justify spending \$20 billion on fighter jets.

No wonder I feel more at home

on the cosmic range. There's no intelligent life down here.

Hadfield, like me, dreamed of space travel when he was a teenager. Unlike me, he could

"No wonder I feel more at home on the cosmic range. There's no intelligent life down here."

handle math and physics; instead, I learned to push words around. Dave, his more down-to-earth brother, put it well in a recent

interview: "As you go through life there are forks in the road and he al-

ways took the one that could possibly lead into space."

So he's rocketing to the stars and I'm still here, writing about it.

No doubt nine out of 10 red-blooded Canadian kids are dreaming of becoming Sidney

Crosby and making \$10 million a year in the NHL, but there must be a few who want to be just like Chris Hadfield, who started in air cadets, flew CF18s and has logged two other space journeys. And if the boys don't have their heads in the stars, there are millions of young Canadian women who can look up to Hadfield, fellow Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk, and Canada's First Lady of space, Julie Payette.

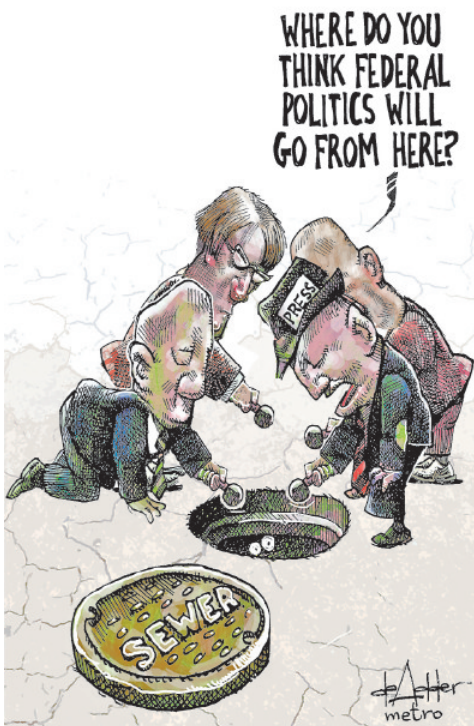
It's just possible that because of these 21st-century pioneers, a few more Canadian kids will set their sights on the final frontier and pursue science degrees instead of becoming doctors of social media, majoring in Twitter.



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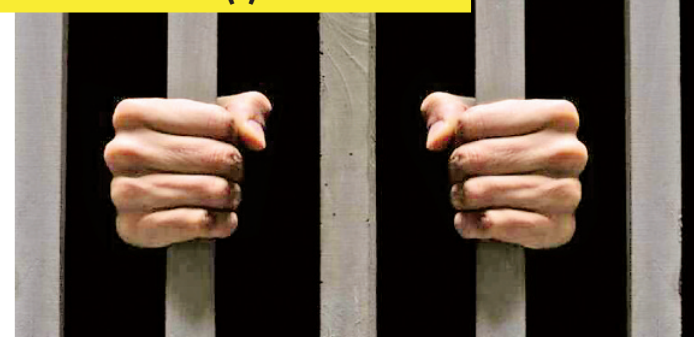
He has time on his hands

Worth mentioning

A U.S. prisoner who has filed more than 3,800 lawsuits and targeted the famous, the infamous and even the long dead is now being sued by federal officials who want him to knock it off.

U.S. federal prosecutors who say they have had enough of the frivolous filings have filed a lawsuit of their own, asking a judge to take unusual action to stop Jonathan Lee Riches. Since 2006, Riches has filed lawsuits in nearly every jurisdiction in the U.S., court documents show. The inmate, who dubbed himself "Lawsuit Zeus" in one of his thousands of court cases, has filed up to four of his

Called to the bar(s)



handwritten petitions a day in Kentucky courts alone.

The 33-year-old inmate at the U.S. federal prison in Lexington, Ky., has sued New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, former U.S. president George W. Bush, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick and even Somali pirates. Sometimes,

Riches asks for money, other times an injunction to stop alleged, if physically impossible, activity.

Among Riches' targets have been "Adolf Hitler's National Socialist Party," the ancient philosopher Plato, the celestial body formerly known as the planet Pluto, and the Guinness Book of World Records. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Metro Minute at town hall meetings

For those concerned with policing and public safety in their communities, Halifax Regional Police is hosting a series of town hall meetings beginning tonight and running through Nov. 3.

The meetings will take place at various locations of HRM that get policed by HRP. They will be hosted by each area's divisional com-

mander and community response officers.

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., with the first tonight at Maritime Hall inside the Halifax Forum. The event is open to everyone and is intended to be an informal discussion. For a list of the town hall meetings, visit halifax.ca/po-lice/TownHallMeetings.html. ● METRO HALIFAX



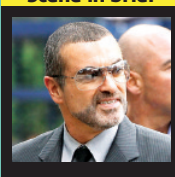
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► The first of 13 town hall meetings about policing and public safety will be held tonight at Maritime Hall.

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Scene in brief



George Michael was sentenced to eight weeks in jail yesterday for driving while under the influence of drugs in an incident in which he crashed his car into a photo shop. A judge told the wayward star his addiction to marijuana put him and the public at risk. The singer pleaded guilty last month to driving under the influence and possession of cannabis following a July 4 collision.

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Tribute concert planned for Lennon's 70th birthday; Jackson Browne, Patti Smith to perform



► Score: A Hockey Musical, the opening night film at AFF, stars Olivia Newton-John and is directed by Michael McGowan.

Giving hockey a voice



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Does a country that already has a Hockey Hall of Fame and a ubiquitous coffee chain named after a defenceman really need an all singing and dancing tribute to the sport? Director Michael McGowan thought so and the result is *Score: A Hockey Musical*, a parody of hockey violence set to a soundtrack that rhymes baloney with Zamboni.

"We do hockey well and we do music well in this country and the fact that a hockey musical hadn't been done seemed to me

Top hockey films

- 10. Waking Up Wally: The Walter Gretzky Story
9. Les Boys
8. Mystery, Alaska
7. Youngblood
6. Sudden Death
5. The Mighty Ducks
4. Net Worth
3. The Rocket
2. Miracle
1. Slap Shot

like a great opportunity," he said. "It's such a ridiculous idea on one hand, but it is instantly memorable as a film idea. In a crowded marketplace you're always trying to stand out."

Helping the film to stand out is a berth as the opening night film at the AFF, and a host of stars-on-ice in leading roles and cameos. Headlining a musical for the first time in 30 years is Olivia Newton John, playing an over-protective hockey mom. "She's funny and she doesn't take herself seriously," says McGowan, "but for her to say, 'This is the film, a hockey musical shot in Toronto in February seemed virtually impossible.'"

Joining John is Promiscuous singer Nelly Furtado who plays Kelly, the "ar-dent hockey fan." "I had written in the script, 'She

licks the fat bellied man's stomach,'" says McGowan. "There is not a hope in hell that I'm going to say, 'OK Nelly, now you lick the fat bellied man's stomach.' But she completely embraced it. It was like, 'If you're going to play in this world of the hockey musical you have to embrace it fully.'"

Rounding out the cast are newcomers Noah Reid and Allie MacDonald, along with George Stroumbouloupoulos, Evan Solomon, sports anchor Steve Kouleas, the world's most famous hockey dad Walter Gretzky and NHL star Theo Fleury.

Enforcer Stock backs hockey musicals

Former NHL tough guy, current CBC hockey commentator and future Battle of the Blades contestant P.J. Stock spoke to Metro about the idea of a hockey musical.

"Montreal to Pembroke to Victoriaville to Antigonish to Hartford to New York back to Montreal to Philadelphia to Boston to ... I could keep going but I hope you're getting the gist of it. My hockey life has given me the opportunity to travel and see some of North America's biggest cities and some of the smallest side-of-the-road pit stops.

"There have been three constants on my travels — my hockey equipment, my small bladder (which is a story for another day) and my Walkman (which became a Discman and eventually an MP3 player).

"Almost every memory that hasn't been knocked out of my pumpkin by Rob Ray involves music and hockey somehow. Music has found a way to get me, and millions of hockey players, motivated through rigorous training sessions and games where your body just isn't into it.

"Hockey has arenas. Music has stadiums. It's about time this marriage shared a common stage."



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You could be forgiven for thinking that there is always a Woody Allen movie playing at your local theatre.

Since 1965 he has produced a stream of comedies, romances and dramas at the rate of about one a year.

To place his output in context look at the film careers of two of his contemporaries; Mel Brooks has made only 12 films in the time it took Allen to direct 45 and Carl Reiner has only written seven pictures against Allen's list of 49 (and counting).

His productivity is nothing short of amazing — his latest film, *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger*, is at the AFF — but he claims to make films only because, "I don't know what else I would do with my time."

"I've made perfectly de-

cent films," he says, but admits, "some of them may be very good and some may be very bad ... If I was the teacher, I'd give myself a B." Here's a look back at the films of one of the hardest working men in show business.

La-di-da: 1977's Oscar winning *Annie Hall* is Allen's acknowledged masterpiece, a film Roger Ebert called "just about everyone's favourite Woody Allen movie." The story of neurotic New York comedian Alvy Singer (Allen) and the ditzy title character (Diane Keaton) is a sweet and funny ("That sex was the most fun I've ever had without laughing.") look at contemporary relationships.

Sex and death: Of all the themes Allen has covered, sex ("Is sex dirty? Only if it's done right.") and death ("On the plus side, death is one of the few things that can be done just as easily lying down.") are his go to topics. Of all his sex and



► The Cast of *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger*, Naomi Watts, Lucy Punch, Gemma Jones and Josh Brolin, and director Woody Allen.

death films the chaotic *Sleeper* is the funniest. Billed as his "nostalgic look at the future," it is a satirical sci-fi set to a soundtrack of Dixieland jazz. Funniest

scene? Allen trapped inside an Orgasmatron.

Life is divided into the horrible and the miserable: He says he never watches his own films because, "I think

I would hate them," and in fact, there is one, considered a classic by many, he has watched and says he can't stand — *Manhattan*. "I hated that one," he says.

On the flip side he does concede to enjoying *Purple Rose of Cairo*, *Match Point*, *Bullets Over Broadway*, *Zelig* and *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

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Made in Dagenham

Genre: Drama

Director: Nigel Cole

Stars: Sally Hawkins, Miranda Richardson, and Bob Hoskins

England's wide eyed wonder Sally Hawkins plays real life social heroine Rita O'Grady in this feel-good female empowerment outing. O'Grady led a strike by women working in the country's biggest Ford factory in 1968, which resulted in international policy changes and big payouts for the auto giant. Hoskins plays her union rep, whose drive for women's work equality was sparked by his hard working mother who raised three children alone. Richardson goes for broke as high energy, brassy left-wing government minister Barbara Castle who champions the cause. Fun, fun, fun.

● ANNE BRODIE

Fubar II

Genre: Comedy

Director: Michael Dowse

Stars: Paul Spence, Dave Lawrence

It's been 8 years since headbangers Terry and Dean were given'r in *Fubar* but the Alberta boys haven't lost any of their lust for life. In this sequel, the boys celebrate Dean's remission from cancer by getting jobs in the oil patch where the inseparable buddies' relationship is soon strained by a girlfriend.

Dean's attempts to collect workers' compensation and loads of property damage. It's clear the boys have a bigger budget but they manage to keep the authentic tone of the original and craft a more structured story with an even bigger headbanger's heart.

● STEVE GOW

Trigger

Genre: Drama

Director: Bruce McDonald

Stars: Tracy Wright, Molly Parker, Don McKellar

Bruce McDonald's latest is a rock n' roll variation on *A Dinner With Andre* that's somehow more entertaining and insightful than that description suggests. Two former bandmates meet up for a dinner and concert, chatting away about their lives, music, death, and inevitably their long-standing troubles with drugs and alcohol. The central performances by Molly Parker and the late Tracy Wright — for whom *Trigger*, in an extraordinary swansong — are remarkable, keeping the film constantly engaging when they are often the only people onscreen. It's one of the strongest and most perceptive movies McDonald has ever made, thanks in no small part to a stellar script from Daniel MacIvor.

● PHIL BROWN

Tamara Drewe

Genre: Comedy



► Headbangers Terry and Dean are back in *Fubar II*.

Director: Stephen Frears

Stars: Gemma Arterton, Roger Allam

This big screen adaptation of the Guardian comic strip *Tamara Drewe* sees director Stephen Frears return to the social satire of early work. The story of a successful columnist (Gemma Arterton) who stirs things up in her childhood village of rural Dorset is an

amusing distraction with some winning performances — particularly from Arterton who makes the selfish *Tamara* likeable and Roger Allam as an arrogant novelist — but doesn't pack the punch of some of Frears's other films. It is, however, well cast and eager to please with a sharp, literate script.

● RICHARD CROUSE

Let Me In

Genre: Horror

Director: Matt Reeves

Stars: Chloe Moretz, Kodi Smit-McPhee

Let Me In, a remake of the much loved Swedish film *Let the Right One In*, is a story about two pre-teens excluded from general society — one by bullies, the other because she's a vampire. Save for its New Mexico setting the film is respectful to its source in all ways but one. In the original the female vampire's body is frozen at twelve years but she has life experience that far exceeds her mortal shell. In the American version Chloe Moretz plays her as much more vulnerable which separates it from the original, but is a less effective, though still evocative, take on the story.

● RICHARD CROUSE

The Man of a Thousand Songs

Genre: Documentary

Director: William D. MacGillivray

Stars: Ron Hynes, Joel Thomas Hynes, Amelia Curran

The Man of a Thousand Songs is essentially one East Coast veteran saluting another, with the venerable Newfoundland director William D. MacGillivray profiling folk singer Ron Hynes. As a portrait of a volatile artist consumed by his own

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appetites, the film is compelling (if fairly standard); as a showcase for its subject's rough, distinctive voice, it's mesmerizing. Hynes is perfectly candid talking about his life and times (and flaws) but his songs are more loquacious than his confessions.

● ADAM NAYMAN

Heartbeats

Genre: Drama

Director: Xavier Dolan

Stars: Xavier Dolan, Niels Schneider, Monia Chokri

Dully ostentatious where his 2009 debut *I Killed My Mother* was charmingly precocious, Xavier Dolan's *Heartbeats* is an exercise in self-indulgence: even the most sympathetic viewer will cringe when the writer-director star is informed by another character that he's a "cute kid." He is — and so is Niels Schneider, who plays the curly junior Adonis who comes between Dolan's moody hipster and his best gal pal (Monia Chokri) — but what should be a sexy screwball farce suffocates beneath a mountain of pre-fab angst and anxious, faux-virtuosic technique.

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Don't call it a comeback

► Ben Affleck sits down with Metro for talk of *The Town*



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Ben Affleck is winning over critics with his latest foray as star and director of *The Town*.

Set in his hometown of Boston, the thriller tells the story of an inner city bank robber who falls in love with the hostage of his latest heist. I caught up with the filmmaker during the Toronto International Film Fest to discuss his sudden resurgence.

I read in Entertainment Weekly that you said this was an attempt to reboot your ca-

reer. Why was that?

"Reboot is a bit what you say when you put someone in a superhero movie or something. For me, directing is about a change so it's not necessarily rebooting everything I've done but it resets my mindset on directing movies which is a whole other parallel track. It's definitely a new step for sure in my career."

It's an audacious step as well. What is it about the crime-thriller genre that attracted you?

"I know! I'm not necessarily even drawn to the genre...I was nervous I'd

be pigeonholed as crime genre and that would be that. But the movie is so interesting ... I felt like this is foolish to pass this up.

Obviously you grew up there but is there a key to nailing that Boston accent?

I think it's just immersion, it's like learning a language.

I learned Spanish best by going to Guardalavaca and not speaking any English. Of course I've lost it now but if you are around a lot of people in an area and just listening to them and repeating them and let yourself not even try, it'll seep in.

Need to know

Ben Affleck is on the right track with *The Town*. According to boxofficemojo.com, the actor's action hits are worth more than his dramatic duds:

- **Armageddon (1998)**
Domestic total gross: \$201 million
- **Pearl Harbor (2001)**
Domestic total gross: \$198 million
- **Surviving Christmas (2004)**
Domestic total gross: \$11 million
- **Gigli (2003)**
Domestic total gross: \$6 million



► Ben Affleck plays a Boston bank robber in *The Town*.

Not Hamming it up

► Mad Men actor stars as an FBI agent in *The Town*



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Jon Hamm may be most recognized for playing Don Draper on the Emmy Award-winning hit television drama *Mad Men* but that doesn't mean the actor doesn't love the movies.

"The greatest thing about movies is it's an escape," said the actor during a recent interview in Toronto.

"For a couple of hours, you go and forget about what's going on in your life and you get to watch an entertaining story — hopefully well told — and

think about it and experience it."

This Friday, a lot of people will be doing just that when they check out Jon Hamm's starring role in *The Town*, a gritty action film that pits the actor as a clever FBI agent against a perhaps even more shrewd bank robber in Ben Affleck.

It's a high action thriller with plenty of car chases that, in Hamm's opinion, "harkens back to great '70s heist films" like *The Getaway* and *The French Connection*.

"Those are fantastic, fun, gritty, dirty, cops and robbers movies," said Hamm.

"You want to be invest-

ed in characters and I think in our film has, very fortunately at the centre, some great characters and Ben's character ostensibly is the bad guy and yet we root for him because we are hoping he finds some sort of redemption."

Critics are also rooting for Affleck the filmmaker as well.

The follow-up to his directorial debut, *The Town* is showing audiences that the success of 2007's *Gone Baby Gone* was not a fluke for Affleck.

"He is a tremendously intelligent, dedicated filmmaker," said Hamm.

"Now he's proven it twice and I think he'll continue to do that."



► Jon Hamm answers questions during the press conference for the film *The Town* at TIFF

Need to know

Production of Season Four may have wrapped on *Mad Men* last week but Jon Hamm hasn't quite become Don Draper himself yet as he enjoys going to work everyday.

► **Quoted:** "It's very much a character that I play and I enjoy playing it, I really do ... I love going to work. I love playing that guy but it's very easy for me to leave it at work," said Hamm.

► **Mad Men's recent awards:** In 2010, 2009 and 2008, *Mad Men* won the Golden Globe Award for Best Television Series — Drama and in 2008, Jon Hamm won the Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor In A Television Series — Drama for his performance as Don Draper

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It's a bunch of poppycock

► Prince Poppycock and other finalists ready final routines for reality show America's Got Talent



► Prince Poppycock performs on America's Got Talent, in Los Angeles

Prince Poppycock is hoping to be crowned king of America's Got Talent.

The outlandish operatic creation of 32-year-old singing store clerk John Quale of Los Angeles was among the final four acts

performing their ultimate routines last night on the NBC variety competition. Poppycock, who judge Sharon Osbourne dubbed the "male Lady Gaga," has captured imaginations with his spectacular show-

manship and bellowing singing voice.

"I'm shocked," Quale said last week after securing his place in the finale. "This is a nightclub act that I've been doing in Los Angeles for four years. I always received a very good response, but that was from twenty- and thirtysomething clubgoers. To have everyone, from grandmothers to kindergartners, respond so positively has honestly been very surprising."

During his original audition in New York, Poppycock's powered face was met with a record-scratch sound effect and several what-is-this-

guy-thinking glances. He eventually endeared the judges and audience with his over-the-top rendition of Largo al factotum from Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, which featured Poppycock

prancing around with two hand mirrors. Poppycock is competing against 10-year-old soprano Jackie Evancho from Pittsburgh, 30-year-old crooner Michael Grimm from Waveland, Miss., and 13-man performance troupe Fighting Gravity, a group of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., who use black lights and props in numbers reminis-

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Other stunts

How did he get here?

► **Props** As he advanced in the competition, Quale added props, back-up dancers and other spectacles to his act. During the semifinals, he belted out Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody* while smashing blue-and-white china, and he earned his finale spot by chirping *Yankee Doodle Dandy* with leggy dancers wearing giant U.S. flags and a replica of the Capitol.

► **The winner** The winner of America's Got Talent will be revealed Wednesday and earn a headlining show at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas and a \$1 million prize. But many of the contestants, even if they don't win will find fame.

cent of the Blue Man Group.

The winner of this season of America's Got Talent will be crowned tonight. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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fight back." Perform-

Down but not out on Apprentice

► New season brings candidates who were hurt by economic downturn to the forefront

The new season of *The Apprentice* returns the long-running business competition to its non-celebrity roots.

But there's a difference. The 16 candidates who scramble for Donald Trump's winner-take-all favour display somewhat less swagger than their counterparts from past seasons. They have brains, ability, education — and most had good jobs. Then they were slammed by the economy. Sadder but presumably wiser now, they're vying for a chance to get a fresh start with Trump.



► Mark Burnett

"I hate what I'm seeing and I'm going to do something about it," he declares at the top of the show, airing tomorrow on NBC.

He knows that for the current crop of players, not just their careers are at stake, but the welfare of their families, too. Even their sense of self-worth.

This make-or-break subtext will be all too relatable to viewers, and it gives *The Apprentice* a dramatic new edge.

"We wanted to find people who seem like they should NEVER be out of work," says Mark Burnett, who created the series and, with Trump, is an executive producer.

He points to Alex, with a background in mechanical engineering, who after getting laid off from his job in Santa Ynez, Calif., struggled to make ends meet driving a tow truck. And Poppy, whose prospective job in breast-cancer research fell through when funding dried up. As the series begins, she is living with her parents and taking care of her grandmother.

"The people on the show decided not to lay down and cry about being in a bad situation, but to

ing under pressure is key to many of the shows that have made the 50-year-old, London-born Burnett a TV grandee. His roster currently includes *Survivor* (which begins its 21st edition on Wednesday on CBS), *Shark Tank* (which returns on ABC midseason) and the syndicated *Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?* This kind of gamesmanship characterized Burnett's first series, *Eco-Challenge*, an adventure race originally airing on MTV in 1995.

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TV watch list

Surviving the age factor

REALITY TV. It's a May-December showdown as *Survivor: Nicaragua* debuts. The 21st installment of the reality series will separate its two tribes down age lines, with the 40-and-up *Espada* tribe taking on the 30-and-younger *La Flor* tribe.

► **Survivor: Nicaragua** (Global, CBS)

Give them hell

TELEVISION. New cheer-leading series *Hellcats* kicked off its season a few weeks ahead of most shows, so in this, the second episode, Marti is shocked to find Wanda in the audience at qualifiers.

► **Hellcats** (A Channel)

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Cruz is pregnant

► The Oscar-winning Spanish beauty and her new husband Javier Bardem put rumours to rest

Penelope Cruz is in fact expecting a child with her new husband Javier Bardem. "Penelope is four-and-a-half months pregnant," her rep confirmed to Entertainment Tonight amid heightened rumours. Speculation that the couple were having a baby escalated this week after Cruz was spotted

with an impressive baby bump on the Puerto Rico set of the new Pirates of the Caribbean film she's starring in with Johnny Depp.

Oscar winners Cruz, 36, and Bardem, 41, who were married last July in a small, discrete ceremony in the Bahamas, began dating in 2007. **● METRO**



► Penelope Cruz is four-and-a-half months pregnant.

Jennifer Lopez touted to be joining Idol judges

Sources say a deal is in place for Jennifer Lopez to be a new full-time judge on American Idol, according to Us Weekly.

"It ended up working out and they have a good agreement," the source says.

Producers are expected to make the announcement in early October that the Latina mother-of-twins and Aerosmith front-man Steven Tyler will be joining Randy Jackson at the

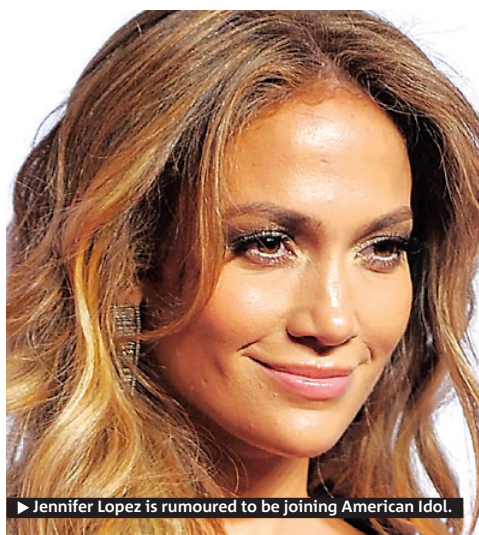
judge's table.

Gone from those seats are Simon Cowell, Kara DioGuardi and Ellen DeGeneres, who all left the show this year, who followed in the footsteps of Paula Abdul.

Jackson will remain the only original judge on the show.

It is alleged that Lopez has signed a \$12-million deal to become an idol judge next season.

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► Jennifer Lopez is rumoured to be joining American Idol.

Talking points

Mayer stops tweeting

BYE-BYE BIRDIE. John Mayer — one of the most prolific celebrity Twitter users, has shut down his account on the social-networking site. The musician's rep says the change is because Mayer has finished his latest tour and is heading back into the studio, according to Hollyscoop. Mayer will still be communicating online via his blog, however.

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Martin gets creative

CREATIVITY UNLEASHED. Ever since he came out of the closet, Ricky Martin's creativity has "exploded," his producer, Desmond Child, tells BlackBook. "I'm really excited about the music, the content, because since he's come out it's unleashed his creativity and the scope of what he can sing about and say and do," says Child, who is working with Martin on a new album. "Once he opened that door, a floodgate of energy and creativity just really exploded."

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Celebrity tweets



Jessica Simpson
[@Jessica Simpson]

We lost our first game Cowboys?! I have carpet burn!



Neil Patrick Harris
[@Actually NPH]

After-party at the frigging metropolitan opera! Watching the Strokes perform. In the lobby! Unreal.



Kristin Bell
[@IMKristinBell]

accidentally bought a piano yesterday. I drove by the store and found out I am pretty powerless over a parking lot sale.



Conan O'Brien
[@ConanOBrien]

I'm noticing that tweets with certain names and topics are more popular. Bieber Gaga Kardashians breast. Glee.



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"The dorkier tourists... quack like ducks — be glad you're not one of them."

SEE

The North End

Boston's Little Italy puts many a city's Italian quarter to shame.

Hundreds of amazing restaurants (and the famous Mike's Pastry) so you'll not only be charmed by the old-world feel of the neighbourhood but will leave with a full belly.

HEAR

Duck Boat Tour guide

The dorkier tourists on the Duck Boats (amphibious vehicles) being forced to quack like ducks, and then be glad you're not one of them.

Also, the roar of the Fenway faithful as a Red Sox player cranks one over the Green Monster — that's what we call the back wall of the park, er, park.

EAT

Mr. Bartley's Burgers

In Cambridge's Harvard Square this historic hole in the wall is not only home to the best burgers in town, it's also been host to the biggest brainiacs in recent history.

Presidents, scholars, anyone who hits up the Harvard campus always makes a trip. Burgers include The Barack Obama and The Bill Clinton.

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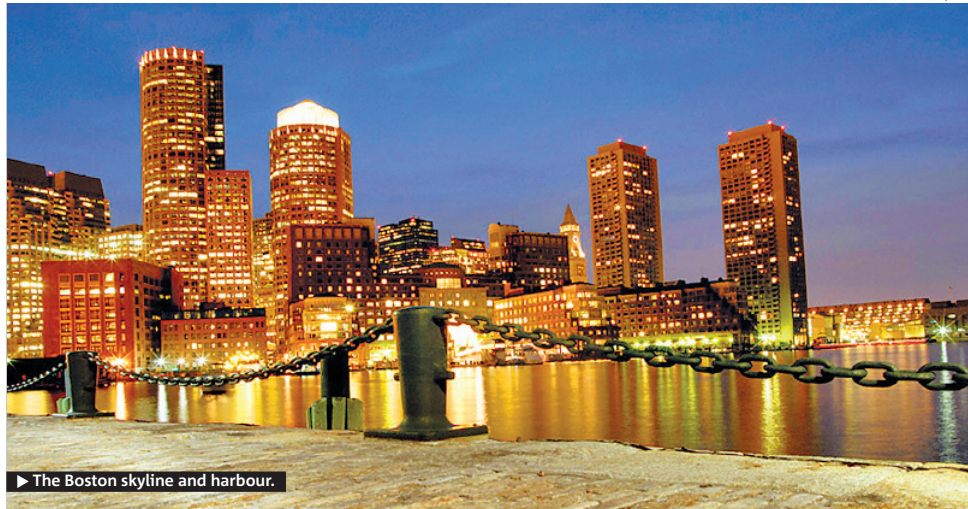
Dunkin' Donuts iced coffee

Forget what coffee snobs say about the superiority of Starbucks, Bostonians drink Dunkin' Donuts coffee like they follow their sports — with the focus of a meth freak looking for Sudafed.

WEAR

Red Sox and Patriots gear

Bostonians are obsessed with their local teams. Af-



► The Boston skyline and harbour.

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ter a big win cars will be overturned and trash cans will be torched. In these circumstances. Only a Red Sox or Pats jersey will save you.

DO

The Public Gardens

Check out the manicured gardens in Boston Common, while taking in historic buildings that border the park including yes, the bar that was based on the famous American TV show, Cheers.



► Check out Boston Common.

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DON'T

Bother with Faneuil Hall

It's a market place loaded with overpriced stores, restaurants and cheesy "Irish" pubs. No Bostonian worth their salt would waste time in the vapid commercial space for uninformed tourists.

SAY

Wicked awesome

The best way to compliment a native is to express it as only a true Bostonian would. But don't do the full Matt Damon Good Will Hunting. That's just wicked obnoxious.

DON'T SAY

"Quincy" "Peabody" "Hot Dog" and "Popcorn"

Bostonians have their own way of pronouncing pretty much everything. Local town Quincy, is



► The historic North End.

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pronounced "Quinzee" and Peabody, "P-b'dee." Hot dog is "hut dawg" and popcorn is "pup-kawn."



► The Fenway faithful.

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life

Cycling tour



A small Toronto-based company that organizes cross-continent bicycle tours in Africa is planning its first North American adventure for 2011.

Tour d'Afrique says cyclists will ride 8,000 kilometres from San Francisco to St. John's, N.L., camping or staying in budget accommodations.

The cost is US\$9,950. There is also the option to do sections starting at \$1,800.



Online:
tourd'Afrique.com



Yellowstone sets summer visitation record, on track for 2nd year in a row

Facing reality

► Visiting a world hot spot is not for the faint-hearted, but the rewards are greater understanding

Sometimes travel is designed to help people escape reality — often with a little help from an open bar

and a poolside chaise longue.

But for some people, reality is what travel is all

about.

San Francisco-based human rights organization Global Exchange organizes frequent Reality Tours to different hot spots around the world.

Most of the tours are led by country locals, and are organized around themes that tackle issues like civil rights, the environment, human trafficking and sex tourism.

Upcoming 2010-2011 tours are already scheduled for about 20 different countries, and with destinations like Afghanistan, North Korea and Iran, these trips are not for the faint of heart.

Although Global Exchange's Reality Tours are based in the U.S., director Malia Everette said this is a travel experience Canadians have embraced.

Everette said many Canadians have travelled with Reality Tours since



► Tushar and Arun Gandhi talk to travellers on a reality tour in New Delhi. Tushar Gandhi is the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, and Arun is the Mahatma's grandson.

"Meet the people, learn the facts and make a change."

REALITY TOURS MOTTO

1989, the year the first tour was organized.

"I think the addition of having Canadians on our programs is extremely helpful for a number of different reasons and one is there's a different perspective on foreign policy issues," Everette said from San Francisco.

She mentioned Afghanistan as an example, where both the U.S. and Canada currently have troops.

"How that is impacting Canadian society may be similar or may be very dissimilar to the experience that we as American or U.S. citizens may have," Everette said.

"So it adds another dimension."

One Canadian reality tour traveller said the unique travel experience suits people who are politically aware and socially conscious.

Meera Karunanathan went to Ecuador three years ago on a tour that explored fair trade and mining issues.

Besides sleeping under the stars in the Amazon

jungle, Karunanathan and the group she travelled with met with environmental groups and communities that had successfully campaigned against mining projects.

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Expenses

A reality tour includes shared accommodation, some meals, translation and transportation.

► Chiapas A trip to Chiapas, Mexico, to learn about indigenous land rights costs about \$850 US.





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Greece has some of the most renowned UNESCO designated World Heritage Sites with fascinating antiquities dating from pre-historic, Paleolithic, early historic to Roman and Byzantine times.

In Athens the sacred rock of the Acropolis, formally proclaimed as the pre-eminent monument on the European Cultural Heritage list of monuments, is an architectural jewel which still crowns Greece as the Cradle of Civilization. The Herod Atticus Theater at the foot-steps of the Acropolis offers world famous performances, operas and concerts during the summer months and the National Gallery hosts unique cultural treasures devoted to the subject of the history of Greek and Western European art.

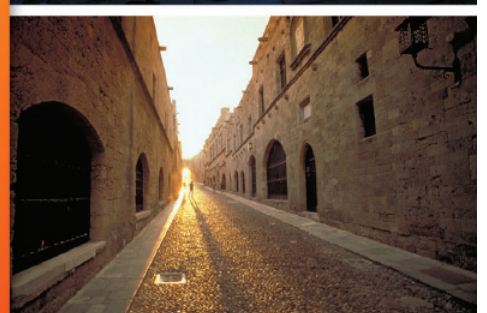
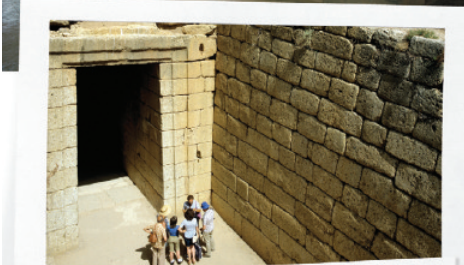
Day trips from Athens offer the chance to visit the temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion; the sanctuary of Delphi dedicated to Apollo in Central Greece, believed in ancient times to be the center of the world; or to experience revived ancient Greek drama plays throughout the summer at the amphitheatre of Epidaurus, built 2,500 years ago and remaining even today unique for its acoustics.

Only a few hours north in Thessaloniki, the capital of the Macedonia region and the second largest city in Greece, the National Archaeological Museum is home to many fascinating treasures including the ones from the town of Pella and Vergina, the burial site of the kings of Macedonia, including the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great.

Driving south to the Peloponnese Region you can visit Olympia, the site where the first ancient Olympics were held in 776 B.C.; the revolving temple of Epicurean Apollo in Vassai standing almost intact at a height of about 3,707 feet; the ancient Mycenae with the famous Cyclopean walls and the Lion Gate; the 5,000 year old town of Tyrins and the citadel of Mystras with its fortifications, churches, palaces and mansions.

At the majestic islands of the Aegean Sea you can visit the terrace of the Lyons in Delos, birthplace of Apollo and Artemis; the Medieval citadel in Rhodes built during the 14th century by the Knights of Saint John; the 11th century monastery of Nea Moni in Chios; and the ancient Minoan palaces of Phaestos and Knossos, in Crete.

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Now that schedules are back to normal, busy cooks will be looking for quick dishes to get on the table each night.

Here is one keeper that is just such a recipe — quick, easy to make, and filling.

Pork Thai Noodle Bowl Preparation:

- 1 Cooked rice or udon noodles, for serving.
- 2 In a wok or deep, non-stick skillet, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil over medium-high heat. Add pork strips, garlic and ginger and stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes.
- 3 Add shrimp, cook for 2 minutes more. Remove from wok and set aside.

- 4 Return wok to burner and add remaining oil. Stir-fry onion, red pepper and asparagus for 1 to 2 minutes. Set aside with pork.

- 5 Deglaze skillet with mango juice, scraping up any loose bits from the bottom of the skillet.

- 6 Add coconut milk and curry paste. Let simmer for 5 minutes.

- 7 Add pork, shrimp, vegetables and mango to sauce and heat through. Season with salt.

- 8 Serve immediately over prepared rice or udon noodles. Garnish with fresh coriander.

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Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) pork loin chops, trimmed and cut into thin strips
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) canola oil, divided
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped ginger root
- 250 g (1/2 lb) large shrimp, raw and shelled
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 red pepper, cut into strips
- 1 bunch fresh asparagus cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) mango juice
- 250 ml (1 cup) coconut milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) Thai red curry paste
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fresh mango, diced
- Salt, to taste
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) fresh coriander, chopped, for garnish

4 portions
 Prep time:
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 Cook time:
 20 min.



► Pork Thai Noodle Bowl is perfect for busy cooks looking for a new dish.

Survival of the chef

► **As the planet transforms, chefs are stepping out into the wild to cook food defined by a time and place**

Rene Redzepi was crouched and using a sharp knife to scrape lichen from rocks. The tiny green tubes usually feed reindeer in this land above the Arctic Circle.

"If animals can eat it, we can," said Redzepi, who was among 14 of the world's most influential chefs at a gathering in Lapland, Finland, earlier this month. The goal was to dig



► Rene Redzepi, third from left, and his team present their final dish at Cook It Raw, which was carrots steamed with pine needles.



their hands in the soil and make a meal from whatever they could find in one of the last untouched places on earth.

Called Cook It Raw, the event marked the third time in just over a year that these chefs have hunted, fished and foraged together — each time in a new location — then prepared a meal while leaving the smallest possible footprint on the environment.

A pair of Italians, a restaurant consultant and a food writer, first organized Cook It Raw as a prelude to the U.N. Climate

Change Conference in Copenhagen last year. At that gathering they asked the chefs to prepare dishes using little or no conventional energy, leading to memorable creations such as Redzepi's squirming live prawns, or Massimo Bottura's "pollution" soup, illustrating a projected future in which the oceans contain only squid and jellyfish.

This time, they flew to Helsinki and marvelled at the bounty of a land where the northern lights shimmer like an electric green cloud and the indigenous

people have 90 words for snow. But civilization is taking its toll here too, with global warming driving up temperatures and foreign companies mining for gold.

"Our cuisine is no longer about liking or not liking something," said Massimo Bottura, the highly conceptual chef of Osteria Francescana in Modena, Italy. "It's about trying to influence everyday life."

As the planet transforms, an increasing number of chefs are stepping out into the wild and creat-

ing food defined by a specific time and place — a way of cooking that has become the next big movement after the science projects of molecular gastronomy.

"We are showing others how to harvest in nature, because the things you find there taste better than anything grown," he said. "Try one of those blueberries, then a stupid one grown in a greenhouse. Your reference point for what a blueberry tastes like has changed forever," Redzepi said.

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The dangers of online job hunting

► Beware of the 'black hole' — most resumes are never read, say career counselors ► How to do it right — online

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Although perfect for used bookshelves and missed connections, Craigslist may not be the place to find your next job.

In fact, career counselors say, the whole mini-universe of online job boards — such as Monster, CareerBuilder and HotJobs — is a great place to mis-invest your time during a difficult hunt. Employment guidebook author Margaret Riley Dikel calls it a "black hole," and Ford Myers, president of Career Potentials consulting firm, agrees.

"Very, very few online applications are ever read or responded to," Myers says. "Good jobs don't get posted in the first place."

But with unemployment rates high, and the average Joe staring at the horizon for months before the job boat lands, career counselors say they're not surprised to see more people

surfing online ads.

Studies in the U.S. show that 10 per cent or less of jobs are filled through online ads, but if the occasional application is one small part of your search strategy, you might as well do it right.

Start by composing a list of companies where you'd aim to work. About.com's jobseeking expert Alison Doyle recommends a research trip to the nearest Chamber of Commerce, plus a quick LinkedIn company search by industry and location. "Check the company website and see if you can apply directly there," she suggests.

Back on the job boards, resist the temptation to rapid-fire the same cover letter and resume at every link.

"It is absolutely imperative to customize the cover letter," Dikel warns. A little resume tweaking — like bumping up the most relevant, if not recent job —



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can make a difference.

Moreover, Dikel notes, a human may never lay eyes on your application, so use the same keywords they use in the ad to pass the computerized scan test.

Plus, take the qualifications seriously: If the ad asks for five years' experience piloting a space shuttle and you've got one summer at Space Camp, don't waste your time.

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The result is that employees unknowingly agree to be dismissed with minimum notice, demoted, banished to far away jurisdictions, see their salaries slashed and prevented from competing with their employers following their departure all without recourse. Given these perils, what are some of the clauses that employees should look out for?

Probationary periods

Employers don't just use probationary periods to assess fit; setting a probationary period allows them to dismiss for reasons that would otherwise be insufficient. The employer needs only to show that, in its opinion, the employee was unsuitable for the position. If these considerations are fairly assessed, the employer can end the relationship suddenly by providing only minimum notice or pay, or often less.

Termination clauses

Without any language surrounding termination in a contract, employees are entitled to reasonable notice of their dismissal, based on how long it would take to find another job. However, if some other amount or formula is stated in the contract, it will usually provide for less than what is reasonable and often only the minimum amounts re-

quired by law.

Contractual changes

Once the job begins, adverse changes to the job are prohibited, without a sufficient warning or that employee's consent. However, employers will look to the contract first, and there is a clause clearly providing for that change, no matter how obscure, they will find the employee had already agreed to it.

Post-employment restrictions

An employee's only implied duty upon leaving is to keep information or trade secrets confidential unless other specific post-employment duties or restrictions are written into the contract. However, if a contract provides for it, employers can prevent employees from working for a competitor, or soliciting clients or former colleagues upon their departure.

What should employees do?

First, review any new contract with a lawyer and don't be reluctant to negotiate terms. Second, challenge the enforceability of these contracts where the facts present that argument.

I have won in court by raising the inference that a contract was signed without proper consent – such findings are not exceptions.

Weighing the 'freshman 15'

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The latest studies suggest that the "freshman 15" might be, more accurately, "freshman seven" for most students. A 2009 cumulative study in Nutrition Reviews found that among college freshmen who put on weight, the mean gain was between seven and seven-and-a-half pounds.

But that is still a significant gain for a nine-month period. And, more important to nutritionists, the habits developed in freshman year – often in the cafeteria – can have negative effects down the line.

"In general, the big food service companies that often run these cafeterias

have dietitians on staff. They have some healthy options," says Debra Johnson, director of nutrition at Rehmda Ranch Programs for Eating Disorders.

"The problem is the format. It's usually all-you-can-eat, and people typically will expand their portions in that situation."

Full-service college meal plans commonly cost more than \$3,000 per academic year, and students often cut down on expenses by choosing a limited plan.

Many schools have one-meal-a-day options that run about \$600 per semester.

"You could not eat all day, or eat first thing in the morning and fast the rest of the day. That one-big-meal

diet can set a person up for an eating disorder or binge eating," says Johnson.

Having counseled patients leaving for and returning from college, Johnson encourages students to strategize with their parents.

Above all, before choosing a reduced meal plan, she says it's key for students to articulate where and how they will replace those meals.

"Know where the closest grocery store is. See what's both nutritious and convenient," she says.

"People think it takes a lot of time. It doesn't take a lot of time. It takes a little planning and commitment."

Dry's Irvine gets MVP honours

Joel Irvine has claimed his fourth career Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League MVP award.

Irvine, a Dartmouth Moosehead Dry third baseman who also cracked the all-star team, led the circuit with a .393 batting average.

Dartmouth placed five other players on the all-star team: first-baseman Greg West, outfielders Chris Head and Colin Johnson, and pitchers Steve Nelson and Jason Bailey.

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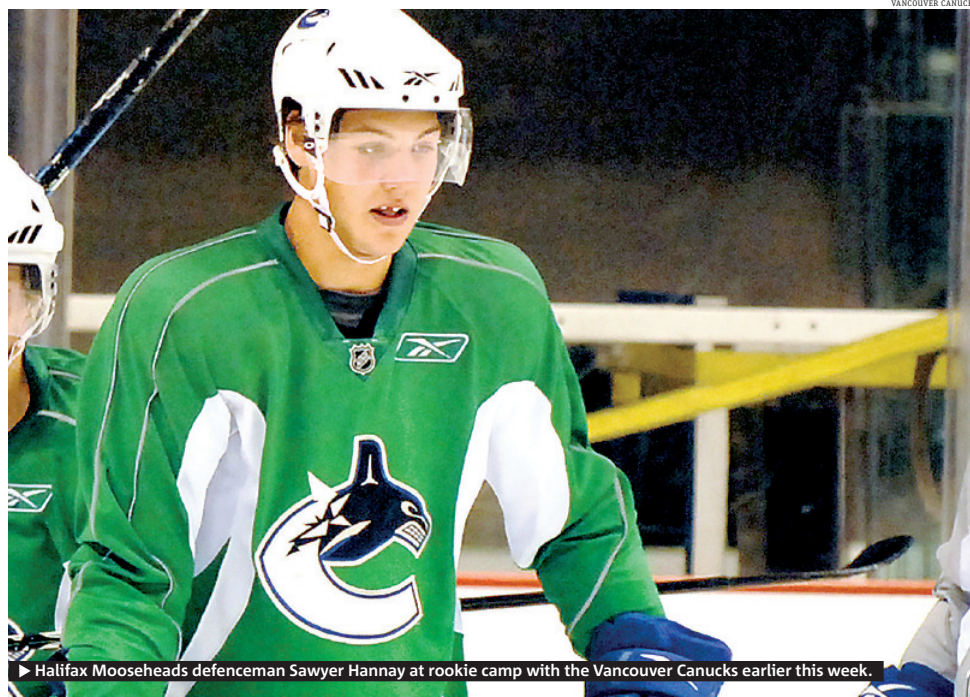
Sports in brief

Huskies fall in ranking

FOOTBALL. The Saint Mary's Huskies have been booted from Canadian Interuniversity Sport football's latest top-10 ranking. The Huskies, who were fourth in last week's ranking, dropped off the latest list after being upset 17-7 by the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville on Saturday.

Davalos, Ryan ruled a no-go

CIS. The Saint Mary's Huskies won't have the services of kicker Rodrigo Davalos and defensive back Blair Ryan this season but will have receiver Kevin Walsh. The Huskies lost their appeal to CIS regarding the eligibility of Davalos and Ryan, but were successful in the same process with Walsh. ● METRO HALIFAX



► Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Sawyer Hannay at rookie camp with the Vancouver Canucks earlier this week.

Lineup questions abound for Herd

► Mooseheads begin road trip without Delmas, complicating matters in the crease ► Club waiting to hear about Abeltshauser and Hannay



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The Halifax Mooseheads have some lineup question marks as they prepare for a pair of weekend road games in New Brunswick.

The Mooseheads, who are 0-2 and kick off a six-game road trip against the Bathurst Titan on Friday and the Saint John Sea Dogs on Saturday, are looking for a backup goalie and waiting

NHL camps

Updates on Mooseheads currently away with NHL teams.

► Konrad Abeltshauser picked up two assists in the Sharks' 5-3 loss to the Canucks on Monday night.

to hear if they'll have top defencemen Konrad Abeltshauser and Sawyer Hannay back from NHL camps.

► Sawyer Hannay, with the Canucks, fought former New Brunswick Varsity Reds star Kevin Henderson in the win over the Sharks.
► Peter Delmas is battling with fellow QMJHL goalie Nicolas Champion for a contract with the Canadiens.

With Peter Delmas away at training camp with the Montreal Canadiens and Mathieu Corbeil likely not

ready to return from a broken bone in his hand, the Mooseheads are down to 17-year-old rookie Anthony Terenzio in goal. Complicating matters is the fact that third-stringer Randy Chisholm is out with a concussion.

Abeltshauser and Hannay are competing at the NHL Young Stars tournament in Penticton, B.C., with the San Jose Sharks and Vancouver Canucks, respectively.

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Sports news

Ross Hagen

Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer midfielder Ross Hagen has been named Atlantic University Sport male athlete of the week. He scored four goals as the Tigers went 1-0-1 on the weekend.



Dylan McGuigan

Has landed with the Saint John Sea Dogs. A week after being cut from the Halifax Mooseheads, the 18-year-old winger was claimed off waivers and suited up for the Sea Dogs on the weekend.

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It's official: Eskimos hand reins to Tillman

► CFL veteran has won Grey Cups with three teams, but left last job after pleading guilty to sexual assault

The floundering Edmonton Eskimos are looking to a controversial figure to turn the team around.

The CFL club officially hired Eric Tillman as their new general manager yesterday.

Tillman has won Grey Cups with three different teams, the last being with the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 2007.

But he resigned from the Riders in January after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting his 16-year-old babysitter in August 2008. Tillman was given an absolute discharge, so he does not have a criminal record.

The Eskimos' decision



► Eric Tillman

to bring him in has been a controversial one.

"I understand it was a very challenging and complicated decision and one that (president Rick

LeLacheur) did not take lightly," Tillman said at a news conference.

"We spent hours, literally hours, talking about my background, my belief system, but he didn't just listen to me.

"He talked to people that knew me well and I think he would tell you that some of the strongest advocates were the people that know me the best, people that know me by my character, not by my reputation."

Tillman, 52, said LeLacheur hired him because he believes the former Roughriders GM can revive the team.

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Sports in brief

Bush to give back Heisman

AWARD. Reggie Bush says he is forfeiting his Heisman Trophy. The New

Orleans Saints' running back released a statement yesterday saying he would give back the award he won in 2005 while he was at Southern California. USC was hit with heavy sanctions by the NCAA this summer after it determined Bush had received improper benefits.

Packers lose Grant for year

NFL. Green Bay Packers running back Ryan Grant is out for the season with a right ankle injury, a significant blow to the team after he piled up 1,200 yards in each of the past two seasons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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► The 2011 Honda CR-Z is seen as a return to the automaker's core values of being frugal and fun to drive.

CR-Z blast from past with eye on future

► Honda's new hybrid bears more than a passing resemblance to automaker's fun CR-X ► One of the most affordable models in the green segment

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Can you have fun and drive a hybrid?

Honda thinks they have the answer to that in the 2011 CR-Z.

For those who go back a bit, the CR-X made from 1983-1991 was one of the most endearing cars Honda

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The CR-Z is also a two-seat sporty coupe with a

pert, chopped off tail and styling that screams, "this car is a blast." And while the old CR-X was great on the gas, the new car goes a big one better; it's a hybrid.

The CR-Z starts with a 1.5-litre, SOHC four-cylinder gasoline engine based on the unit used in the Fit. By itself, the engine produces 113 hp and 107 lb/ft

of torque.

Out on the road, the handling was like a small sports car, precise and with great feedback. At a closed course slalom, people were throwing the CR-Z around with great abandon with one journalist delighting in the low-end torque and the fact he could get the tail to hang out on hairpin turns.

The specs

2011 HONDA CR-Z

- **VEHICLE TYPE** Compact hybrid coupe
- **PRICE** six-speed manual, \$23,490; CVT, \$24,290
- **ENGINE** 1.5-litre SOHC engine/electric motor (combined, 122 hp, 128 lb/ft)
- **FUEL ECONOMY** six-speed manual, 6.5/5.3/6.0L/100 km city/highway/combined; CVT, 5.6/5.0/5.3L/100 km city/highway/combined

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In brief



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When I was a kid I loved watching the Flintstones. But I didn't like the Flintstone-mobile. Fred "braked" by sticking out his legs out through the floorboards and scrubbing off speed with his bare feet. This always made me cringe.

And I still cringe whenever I relieve my own Flintstone moment. On this occasion my Jaguar E-type suddenly and silently found itself coasting down the mild slope of our driveway, with me standing beside it. I grabbed the front bumper and stood my ground, but the car pushed me slowly backwards. We stopped together in the middle of the street, unscathed, save for the leather soles

of my moccasins, which were smoking. I can still feel the feet heat.

Which brings me to the point of this column — after 100 years or so of automotive braking that simply turns potential energy into wasted "heat," via friction-based systems, we're starting to move to more intelligent systems, that re-capture some energy.

This has come about due to the re-birth of the electric vehicle. If you have an electric motor hooked up to the drive wheels, you can use it to "brake" the vehicle, by

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simply reversing the flow of power. Now, instead of having the motor turning the drive wheels, you have the drive wheels turning the electric motor. The resistance works like a brake, and when you spin an electric motor it makes electricity.

In a hybrid or EV this "free" juice is fed to the big battery pack, which

powers the electric drive motor. But now we're seeing this concept being applied to "conventional" vehicles.

BMW introduced its Brake Energy Regeneration system on the 2010 5 Series Gran Turismo. The new-generation 2011 X3 will also feature the system.

An electronically controlled clutch engages

the alternator only when the vehicle is decelerating or braking. When accelerating or coasting, the charging system is decoupled and draws no power from the engine, making it slightly more efficient. The battery uses glass-boron silicate instead of the more usual liquid electrolyte, to sharply reduce the battery's conversion of

charging energy to heat, and so it is also better able to operate effectively between less-frequent charging.

At the upcoming Paris Motor Show, Ferrari, of all people, is expected to debut a similar "brake regen" system on its updated California model.

Development is also going on with sending electricity from brake regen systems not to batteries, but to ultra-capacitors — a fast charging/fast discharging storage system. Their ability to discharge a lot of power quickly, has piqued the interest of Formula One racing, which is considering them for a proposed initiative called KERS (Kinetic Energy Recovery System).

On the heavy-duty truck side, we're seeing testing done on a brake regen system that uses hydraulics (instead of electricity) to capture the kinetic energy.

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Dodge Ram's sport edge

► Power and muscle count among owner faves for pickup model

SECOND GEAR

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The last-generation Dodge Ram was on sale from model years 2002 to 2008 inclusive, and offered a punch in terms of both styling and performance that few trucks in recent memory can match.

Among other things, the last-generation Ram helped cement the brand's reputation for building America's

"sporty" pickup. Where styling, power and muscle count, pickup shoppers tend to gravitate towards the Ram in a serious way.

Shopping used? Look for various body styles and six or eight-cylinder power. 2002 models got a 3.7 litre V6 as standard, with 215 horsepower. The models' V8 engines consisted of a 4.7 litre or 5.9 litre unit early on, with 240 or 245 horsepower, respectively.

The legendary HEMI V8 hit the scene for 2003, offering up 345 horsepower. Cylinder deactivation was added to the HEMI V8 for 2006 to help keep fuel bills reasonable.

Shoppers will find a manual transmission with five or six-speeds, or an automatic with four or five. Rear or four-wheel drive models were available, too, utilizing either electric or manual transfer-cases, de-



► The Dodge Ram is regarded as North America "sporty" pickup truck.

pending on the model.

Features included a rear-seat entertainment console, heated leather seats, remote access, cruise control and plenty more.

What Owners Like

For most Ram owners, power, sound effects, looks and muscle were the main attractions to the truck.

Competitive pricing and overall value helped seal the deal in most cases.

What Owners Hate

Standard gas-mileage complaints come first and foremost on the list of Ram-owner related gripes. Some drivers have reported a rough ride on certain road surfaces.

Common issues

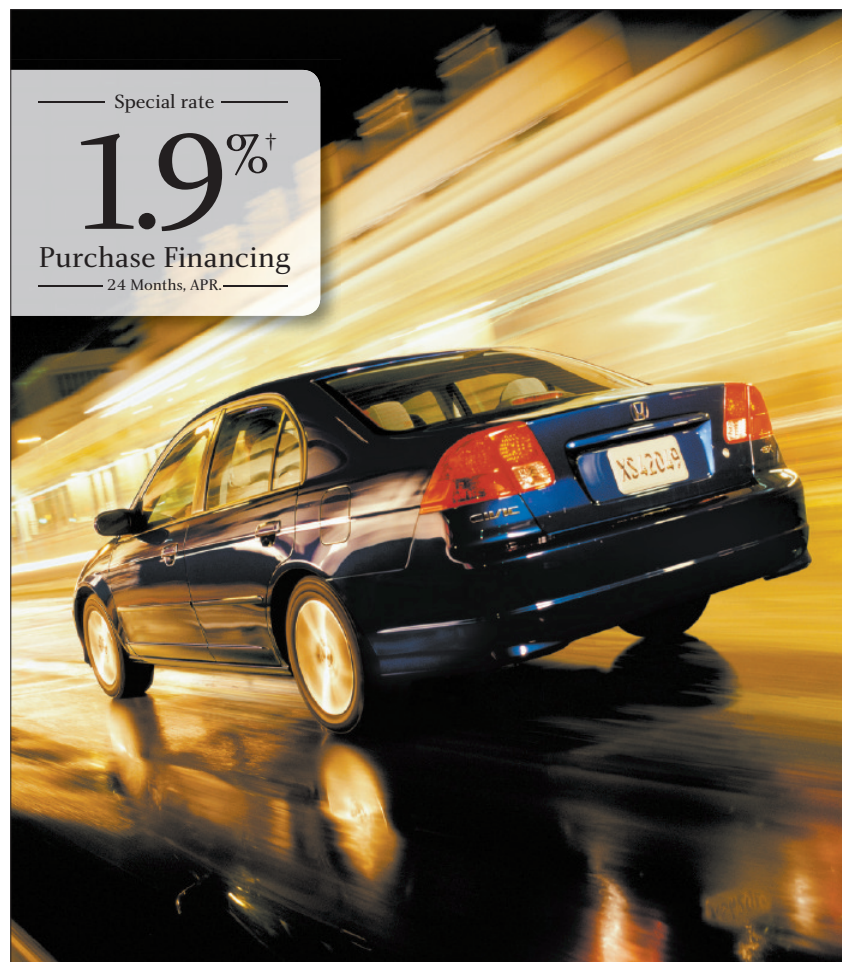
Because of the possibility of some frustrating and difficult-to-diagnose electronic issues, test-drivers are advised to double and triple check that all interior electronics work as expected, and that no check

engine lights are illuminated. A mechanic can also scan the Ram's engine computer for stored trouble-codes, which could indicate a problem.

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► Porsche's Active Drivetrain Mount is flexible and solid at the same time depending on driving needs

DRIVING FORCE

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You can't fight physics. The engine is typically the heaviest component in a car, and when you're making a sharp curve, it doesn't necessarily want to follow, which can affect handling.

What makes it worse is that most engines are mounted on relatively flexible bushings, which automakers use to help keep engine vibration from entering the cabin. Porsche tackles the problem with its new Active Drivetrain Mount, standard equipment on the 911 Turbo, which combines the best qualities of flexible and solid engine mounts.

"With these mounts stiffened up, you get a much more stable back end when you're cornering, because the engine is now solidly connected to the car."

PORSCHE'S LAURANCE YAP

When you turn a corner, your car follows the steering position, but inertia causes the heavy engine to initially keep going in a straight line. It continues to do this until the flexible mounts reach the end of their elasticity.

This causes instability, and in extreme cases on a rear-engined car such as the 911 Turbo, could potentially result in oversteer, a dan-



► Porsche's new Active Drivetrain Mount is standard on the 911 Turbo.

gerous situation in which the back end of the car swings around and the car spins. A solid, inflexible mount keeps the engine in line with the car's direction, but with a stiffer, noisier ride.

"What these active mounts enable the car to do is to stiffen up the connec-

tion between the drivetrain and the body of the car when you're driving aggressively, and then soften it when you're not," says Laurance Yap, public relations manager for Porsche Cars Canada.

The mounts use a magnetically-activated fluid and an electrically-induced

magnetic field that affects the fluid to a higher or lower degree. This changes the fluid's viscosity, making the engine mounts harder or softer.

The system was originally designed for suspension components, but Porsche's application is a first for engine mounts.

Under normal driving conditions, such as highway cruising, the fluid is "looser," which helps absorb vibration. When the system is in sport mode, the car uses a variety of parameters to determine fluid stiffness, for a more direct connection between engine and body.

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Norton bikes return

I confess I've never been up close to a Norton motorcycle.

Not because I'm all that young, but that this iconic UK marque has been away a long, long time.

Norton began building motorcycles around the turn of the 20th century, and gained notoriety throughout the 1930s, 40s and 50s, winning numerous high-profile races.

The Norton Commando, which launched in 1968, was their last and most successful street bike before the factory doors closed in 1975.

Thirty-five years later, the brand has returned to Canada with the Canadian reveal taking place at the Newmarket, Ont., Suzuki recently.

With retro styling blended with state-of-the-art engineering, the bike is powered by an air-cooled 961 cc parallel twin developed by Norton along with F1 engine builders, Menard Competition Technologies.

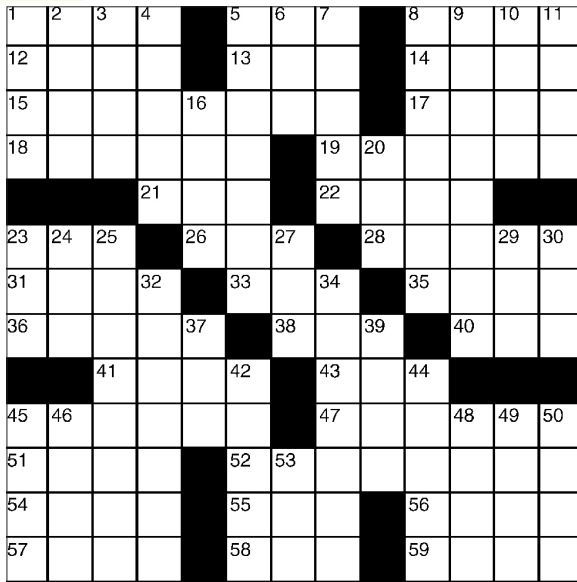
It is one of three models to go on sale in Canada. The Sport and the Café Racer are 2011 models that are expected arrive early next year.

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Crossword

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5 A billion years
8 Common rhyme scheme
12 "Clair de —"
13 Lanka precursor
14 Incite
15 You can put a value on it
17 Angry
18 Number-logic puzzle
19 Conflict involving actual fighting
21 Verily
22 Veer
23 Owns
26 Parched
28 Synagogue VIP
31 Monad
33 Sweet potato
35 Fat
36 Black billiard ball
38 Stir-fry vessel
40 Petrol
41 Pay attention
43 Meadow
45 Large fig plant of India
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4 Fake duck
5 Ocean inlet
6 Man-mouse link
7 Dark period
8 Southern
9 Bring lunch to work
10 Taj Mahal city
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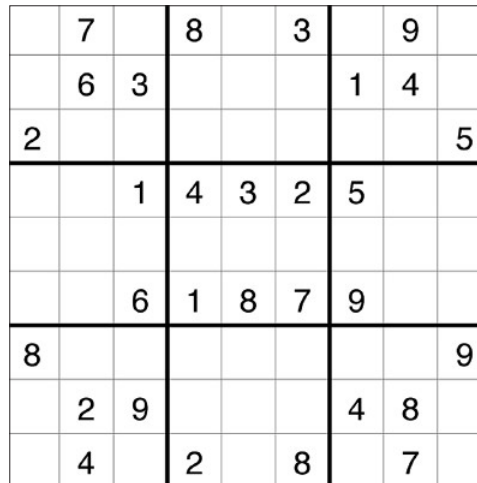


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50 Early birds?
53 Kerfuffle

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may feel restless but don't wander far from home base because what you discover in your immediate environment will be of more use to you than what you discover some place else.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Focus on work and business issues and don't let your mind wander for even a moment.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It may seem as if everyone but you is having fun but that is an illusion. The Sun in Virgo can weigh you down with responsibilities and heavy thoughts and make you feel gloomy but give it time and it will pass.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You

may not enjoy what you have to do today but the simple fact is you have no choice in the matter. However, if you knuckle down and do what is expected of you some Very Important People will be impressed.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You need to be more flexible in your thinking. Yes, really. There is a world full of opportunities out there

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Why so anxious? Why so sure that something nasty is about to happen just when you feel at your most vulnerable? Whatever the reason, snap out of it!

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Saturn in your sign is making you

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somewhat cautious at the moment but if you make a mental effort to reach out and interact with the world

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't fret if you lose something valuable today because the planets suggest you will soon fill the gap with something that is worth even more.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Force yourself to get up and go out with a wild group of friends today. You've never been the sort to sit at home brooding on your troubles, such as they are, so why start now?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you adopt a more positive attitude today you will quickly

recognize that what others are moaning and groaning about is of no concern to you at all.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't give in to emotional blackmail today, even if it seems like the easy option. If you give others the impression that you can be easily manipulated they will be on your case from sunrise to sunset, and beyond.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Take care what you say over the next 24 hours. People in positions of power are unlikely to look kindly on you if they think you are being a disruptive influence. Your complaints may be justified but don't make them too loud.

● SALLY BROMPTON

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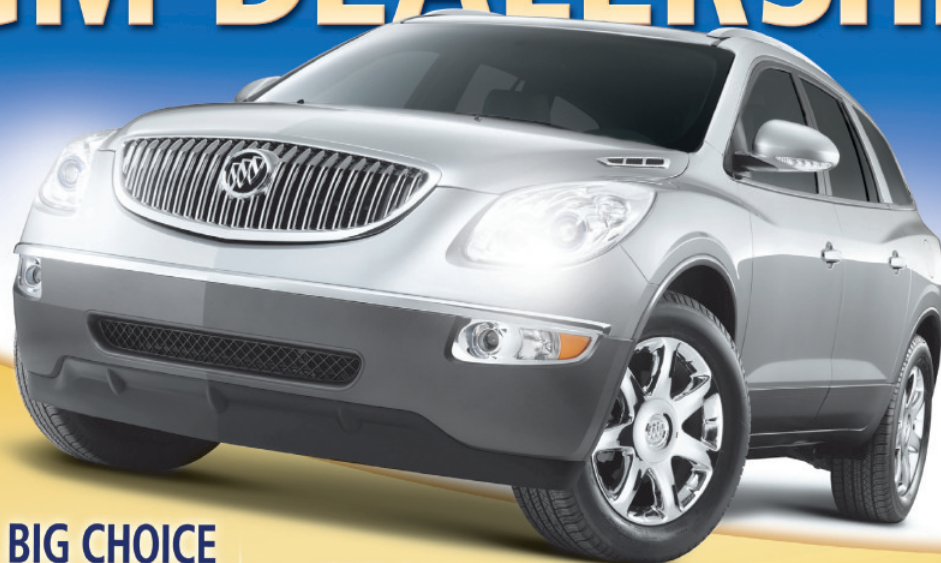
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